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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for providing stream linking in audio/video disk media,

2   comprising:

3   when additional reading or writing locations in streams are desired, sending a

4   linked stream request with a number of a primary stream;

5   initiating a linked stream that is linked to the primary stream;

6   setting a pointer for the linked stream to the same location as a pointer for the

7   primary stream; and

8   during operation, processing the pointers for both the linked stream and the

9   primary stream.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the setting of a pointer for the linked

2   stream to the same location as a pointer for the primary stream further comprises

3   setting a read audio/video pointer for the linked stream to the same location as the

4   read audio/video pointer of the primary stream.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the linked stream inherits a beginning

2   and ending address from the primary stream.

1   4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the linked stream and the primary

2   stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write audio/video pointer.

1   5.   The method of claim 4 wherein a passed pointer warning is set when

2   the linked stream read AV pointer passes the primary stream write AV pointer.

1   6.   The method of claim 1 wherein a stream may not be linked to a linked

2   stream.

1   7.   The method of claim 1 wherein the linked stream is disabled when the

2   primary stream is disabled.

1   8.   The method of claim 1 wherein the linked stream and the primary

2   stream may be read and written to simultaneously.

1   9.   The method of claim 1 wherein the linked stream and the primary

2   stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write audio/video pointer.

1   10.   The method of claim 9 wherein the read audio/video pointer points to

2   the next sector to read from and the write audio/video pointer points to the next

3   sector to write to.

1   11.   The method of claim 1 further including moving the pointers with a

2   command.

1   12.   A remote multimedia server, comprising:

2   a mass storage library for storing a plurality of multimedia programs each

3 segmented into at least one audio/video stream;

4   transmission means for transmitting the at least one audio/video stream to a

5 communication channel; and

6   a local media control system, comprising:

7   a direct access storage device including at least one data storage disk;

8 and

9   a controller for processing the coordinating writing of the at least one

10 audio/video stream received from the communication channel to the data storage

11 disk, and for coordinating reading of the at least one audio/video stream from the

12 data storage disk, the controller providing stream linking in audio/video disk media

13 by sending a linked stream request with a number of a primary stream when

14 additional reading or writing locations in streams are desired, initiating a linked

15 stream that is linked to the primary stream, setting a pointer for the linked stream to

16 the same location as a pointer for the primary stream, and, during operation,

17 processing the pointers for both the linked stream and the primary stream.

1   13.   The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the setting of a

2 pointer for the linked stream to the same location as a pointer for the primary stream

3 further comprises setting a read audio/video pointer for the linked stream to the

4 same location as the read audio/video pointer of the primary stream.

1   14.   The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the linked stream

2 inherits a beginning and ending address from the primary stream.

1 15. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the linked stream

2 and the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write

3 audio/video pointer.

1 16. The remote multimedia server of claim 15 wherein a passed pointer

2 warning is set when the linked stream read AV pointer passes the primary stream

3 write AV pointer.

1 17. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein a stream may not

2 be linked to a linked stream.

1 18. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the linked stream is

2 disabled when the primary stream is disabled.

1 19. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the linked stream

2 and the primary stream may be read and written to simultaneously.

1 20. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 wherein the linked stream

2 and the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write

3 audio/video pointer.

1 21. The remote multimedia server of claim 20 wherein the read

2 audio/video pointer points to the next sector to read from and the write audio/video

3 pointer points to the next sector to write to.

1 22. The remote multimedia server of claim 12 further including moving the

2 pointers with a command.

1   23.   A direct access storage device, comprising:

2   at least one data storage disk; and

3   a controller for processing the coordinating writing of the at least one

4   audio/video stream received from the communication channel to the data storage

5   disk, and for coordinating reading of the at least one audio/video stream from the

6   data storage disk, the controller further providing stream linking in audio/video disk

7   media by sending a linked stream request with a number of a primary stream when

8   additional reading or writing locations in streams are desired, initiating a linked

9   stream that is linked to the primary stream, setting a pointer for the linked stream to

10   the same location as a pointer for the primary stream, and, during operation,

11   processing the pointers for both the linked stream and the primary stream.

1   24.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the setting of a

2   pointer for the linked stream to the same location as a pointer for the primary stream

3   further comprises setting a read audio/video pointer for the linked stream to the

4   same location as the read audio/video pointer of the primary stream.

1   25.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the linked stream

2   inherits a beginning and ending address from the primary stream.

1   26.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the linked stream

2   and the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write

3   audio/video pointer.

1   27.   The direct access storage device of claim 26 wherein a passed pointer

2   warning is set when the linked stream read AV pointer passes the primary stream

3   write AV pointer.

1   28.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein a stream may

2   not be linked to a linked stream.

1   29.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the linked stream

2   is disabled when the primary stream is disabled.

1   30.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the linked stream

2   and the primary stream may be read and written to simultaneously.

1   31.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 wherein the linked stream

2   and the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write

3   audio/video pointer.

1   32.   The direct access storage device of claim 31 wherein the read

2   audio/video pointer points to the next sector to read from and the write audio/video

3   pointer points to the next sector to write to.

1   33.   The direct access storage device of claim 23 further including moving

2   the pointers with a command.

1   34.   An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium

2   readable by a computer, the medium tangibly embodying one or more programs of

3   instructions executable by the computer to perform a method for providing stream

4   linking in audio/video disk media, the method comprising:

5   when additional reading or writing locations in streams are desired, sending a

6   linked stream request with a number of a primary stream;

7   initiating a linked stream that is linked to the primary stream;

8   setting a pointer for the linked stream to the same location as a pointer for the

9   primary stream; and

10   during operation, processing the pointers for both the linked stream and the

11   primary stream.

1   35.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the setting of a pointer

2   for the linked stream to the same location as a pointer for the primary stream further

3   comprises setting a read audio/video pointer for the linked stream to the same

4   location as the read audio/video pointer of the primary stream.

1   36.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the linked stream

2   inherits a beginning and ending address from the primary stream.

1   37.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the linked stream and

2   the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write audio/video

3   pointer.

1   38.   The article of manufacture of claim 37 wherein a passed pointer

2   warning is set when the linked stream read AV pointer passes the primary stream

3   write AV pointer.

1   39.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein a stream may not be

2   linked to a linked stream.

1   40.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the linked stream is

2   disabled when the primary stream is disabled.

1   41.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the linked stream and

2   the primary stream may be read and written to simultaneously.

1   42.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 wherein the linked stream and

2   the primary stream each include a read audio/video pointer and a write audio/video

3   pointer.

1   43.   The article of manufacture of claim 42 wherein the read audio/video

2   pointer points to the next sector to read from and the write audio/video pointer points

3   to the next sector to write to.

1   44.   The article of manufacture of claim 34 further including moving the

2   pointers with a command.